

sell. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well, wait a second...

SENATOR LANDIS: Oh, you are a hard sell.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Maybe it isn't so fine. I don't...no.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...okay. Senator Johnson, your willingness to participate in such a process of identifying good legal policy.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well, if the Nebraska Legislature is determined to pass this bill at the bidding of the bankers and other creditors whose noses are pressed to the glass in the back, the bill that the Legislature passes ought to at least be one that is workable and readable and doesn't improperly finesse good employees out of their retirement program.

SENATOR LANDIS: Are we getting to the yes and the no here pretty quick, are we, Vard?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: So what I would be inclined to do would be at least to meet and determine the better policy to take on the pension annuity area, but I want to leave a door open for further discussion about all exemptions and the Landis proposal does exactly that.

SENATOR LANDIS: All right.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: So that means that I will grudgingly say yes.

SENATOR LANDIS: All right. Senator Schmit, now you are the longstanding and most ardent opponent of this bill. I don't think I'm going to bring you around on this one, but you're entitled to your shot and your say. What do you think?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Landis, I appreciate that, and I've had my shot on the bracket motion. I am willing to let the bill become law in the present form and I want my good friends who voted against the bracket motion to explain to their good public employees what in the world happened to them, where their common sense was.

SENATOR LANDIS: I think that's sort of a yes and I'm going to accept that as a yes, sort of.